

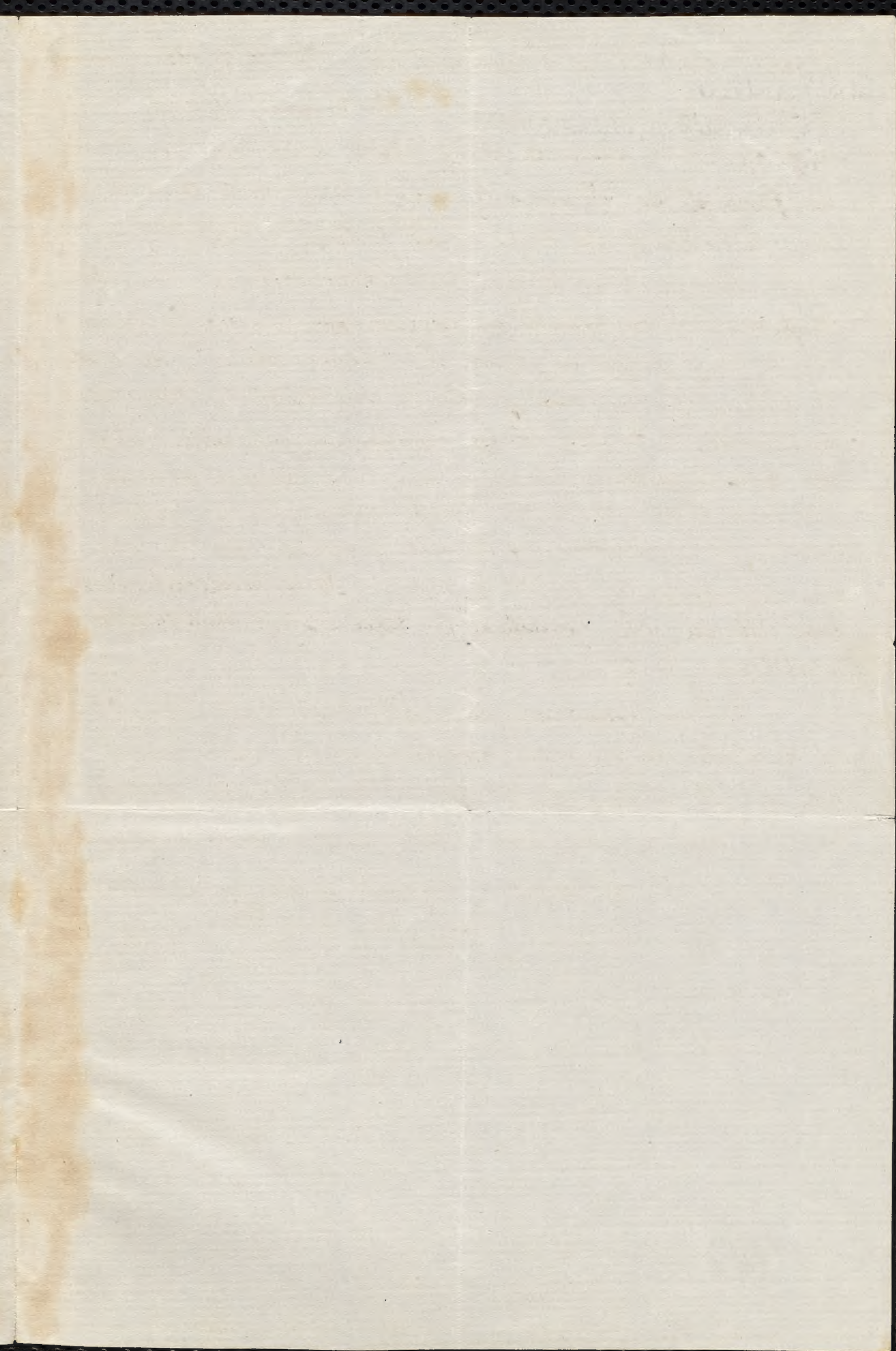
Leicester, Nov. 8. 1871,

Dear friend Webb,

Yr. last came when I was off - in Boston - & so W^m May sent forward the letter to Richard, adding a note of her own. I duly found the 8^d postage stamps, which your exactitude had returned to me; I can easily work them in to my foreign correspondence. Indeed I suppose I may get some more from you - about $\frac{1}{2}$ a dollar's worth - as I sent you a dollar's worth in my last, in compliance with yr. request; but one half of them were from W^m May, to offset many postages you had been taxed on her account. I have sent to you one or two Harper's Weekly lately. When you have quite done with them, will you forward them, & any others I may send from time to time (unless for some reason you wish to keep them,) to "Miss L. Goddard, Care S. A. Goddard, Birmingham." I don't suppose there is anything in them that will interest you, or Deborah, or Alfred particularly, except Geo. W^m. Curtis's editorials, of wh. there are usually 2 or 3 in every number, & wh. I regard as among the best we have here from any quarter. They are clear, sensible, far seeing, plain-spoken, and I believe perfectly honest. In this terrible work of ferreting out, and bringing to the light, & fitly characterizing, the enormous & almost inconceivable frauds & villainies which have been perpetrated for many years, - & the past two or three especially, - by the men (few in number) who have had the entire management of the City of New York in their own hands, & very largely of the whole State also, & who aspired to a like control of the Nation (is there not something wonderful in such extensive ambition for iniquity & rascality unknown before?) - this "Weekly" has done an excellent work, & been much trusted. Yesterday was the day of the Annual Election in New York & some 8 or 10 other States, Mass^{ts} among them. The report this morn^g is very encouraging indeed - much more so, I fear, than will be borne out by the full returns. It is said that the Tammany rule is completely broken in the City of New York? That is almost incredible; but many facts in proof are

given, long enough before you can get this, the general result will be known to you. It certainly looks now as if New York State certainly had been rescued from the fangs of the "Tammany Tiger", and that the City may have partaken of the same good fortune, - certainly with improved prospects of honest rule in future. In Massachusetts the Republican nominations are all confirmed; and the day's papers say that the "Labor Reform" and the "Prohibitory" parties have fallen off one half from their last year's votes. People of sense & foresight generally distrust these special parties & nominations. W. Phillips's alliance with B. J. Butler has unquestionably injured his own position & influence. In Monday's Boston Journal was a letter from Garrison, wh. I will enclose. It is addressed to Judge Pitman, the nominee for Governor of Mass.^{ts} of the "Prohibitory" party.

- I meant to have filled out my sheet, but an unexpected interruption called me off. So I send this, "with all its imperfections", &c. We are all well as usual, as our neighbors mostly are. Yesterday was Dr. Hunt's 82^d birthday. With kind love to your children
I am, Very truly Yours
S. May.



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